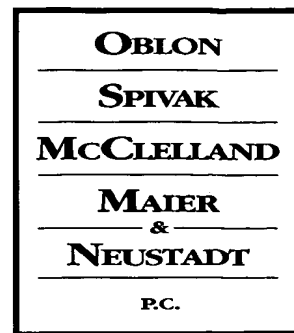




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/818,612  
Applicants: Hideki KOBAYASHI  
RCE FILED April 12, 2006  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AIDING  
PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE PLANNING AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT THEREFOR  
Group Art Unit: 3623  
Examiner: Tarae, Catherine M.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheet(s)  
Replacement Drawing Sheets (2)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)**

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SIR:

Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

☒ 2 Replacement Drawing Sheets

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ New Drawing Sheets

☒ Official Action dated April 18, 2006

☐ Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee dated \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other dated \_\_\_\_\_

The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

The replacement drawing sheets include changes to Figs. 19, 21, and 22. These sheets which include Figs. 19, 21 and 22, replace the original sheets including Figs. 19, 21 and 22.

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